

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

MAHS Reg. No.: 15-015914
Issue No.: 2001
Agency Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: October 28, 2015
County: OAKLAND-DISTRICT 2
(MADISON HTS)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gary Heisler

HEARING DECISION

Following Claimant's request for a hearing, this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and 400.37; 7 CFR 273.15 to 273.18; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; and 45 CFR 205.10; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on October 28, 2015, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included himself and his wife, [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) included Eligibility Specialist [REDACTED] and Assistance Payments Supervisor [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) on August 17, 2015?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. Claimant was an ongoing recipient of Medical Assistance (MA) benefits.
2. On August 3, 2015, Claimant submitted an application for Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits. On the application Claimant indicated that he was working 40 hours per week at a rate of \$ [REDACTED] per hour. The application also indicated that [REDACTED] worked 15 hours per week at a rate of \$ [REDACTED] per hour.
3. On August 17, 2015, Claimant was sent a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (DHHS-1606) which stated neither he nor [REDACTED]

were eligible beginning September 1, 2015. The reported income was over the income limit.

4. On August 24, 2015, Claimant submitted a hearing request.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained in the Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), Department of Health and Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396-1396w-5; 42 USC 1315; the Affordable Care Act of 2010, the collective term for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152; and 42 CFR 430.10-.25. The Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers the MA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10, and MCL 400.105-.112k.

Bridges Administration Manual (BAM) 120 Case Actions, at page 7 requires the Department to “act on a change reported by means other than a tape match within 15 workdays after becoming aware of the change.” Bridges Administration Manual (BAM) 130 Verification and Collateral Contacts, at page 1 states verification is not required when the client is clearly ineligible.

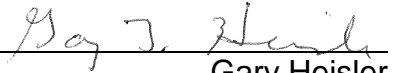
The income Claimant reported on the August 3, 2015, Food Assistance Program (FAP) application equals a \$ [REDACTED] annual income. The income limit for a household size of 2, for household members between the ages of 19 – 64 is \$ [REDACTED]. In accordance with Department policy, verification of the reported income was not required. The Department’s Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility determination was a correct action.

In this case Claimant provided specific income information on the August 3, 2015, Food Assistance Program (FAP) application. During this hearing Claimant raised issues about how much income had actually been received. Claimant was informed that he still had the opportunity to submit an application and request retroactive coverage.

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department acted in accordance with Department policy when it closed Claimant’s Medical Assistance (MA) on August 17, 2015.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.



Gary Heisler
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

Date Signed: **11/10/2015**

Date Mailed: **11/10/2015**

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NOTICE OF APPEAL: A party may appeal this Hearing Decision in the circuit court in the county in which he/she resides, or the circuit court in Ingham County, within 30 days of the receipt date. A copy of the claim or application for appeal must be filed with the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS).

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Hearing Decision from MAHS within 30 days of the mailing date of this Hearing Decision, or MAHS **MAY** order a rehearing or reconsideration on its own motion. MAHS **MAY** grant a party's Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration when one of the following exists:

- Newly discovered evidence that existed at the time of the original hearing that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision;
- Misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision which led to a wrong conclusion;
- Typographical, mathematical or other obvious error in the hearing decision that affects the rights of the client;
- Failure of the ALJ to address in the hearing decision relevant issues raised in the hearing request.

The party requesting a rehearing or reconsideration must specify all reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration. A request must be *received* in MAHS within 30 days of the date this Hearing Decision is mailed.

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